

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 26, 2007 setting a three-month shortened period for response expiring on September 26, 2007. The office action issued by the Examiner in this office action have been carefully considered. Claims 1-30 are pending in this application, and Claims 1-3, 10-11, 15-16, 20, 25 and 27-28 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-30 as being indefinite. The independent Claims 1, 2, 3, 16, 20 and 28 have been amended to obviate this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 27-30 as being unpatentable over Pontini in view of Kohana or Berecz and Claims 8 and 10 over Pontini in view of Kohana or Berecz and further in view of Green. Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13-20, 23 and 25-30 have been rejected over Vergnani in view of Ohara, Claims 7 and 9 have been rejected over Vergnani in view of Ohara and further in view of Wang, Claims 8 and 10 have been rejected over Vergnani in view of Ohara and further in view of Green.

The Independent Claims 1-3, 16 and 28 have been amended to include the limitation "wherein operation of the hydraulic presses is controlled to limit the temperature of the work pieces to less than 700 degrees during processing" to distinguish over these references. Support for this amendment is found in the public specification in paragraphs [0011], [0041], [0053], and [0063]-[0068].

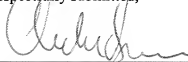
The work pieces claimed in the pending claims are big screws, bolts, bushings and nuts, having a diameter of greater than 30 mm. Hydraulic presses are needed for machining these work pieces because mechanical presses would cause the larger work pieces to overheat beyond 700 degrees, as stated in paragraph [0011].

Conclusion

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all points in the Office Action. The Applicant submits that Claims 1-30 as amended are not rendered obvious by the references cited by the Examiner and that these claims are now in good order for allowance. In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully requested. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited. Should any matters remain to be resolved the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by phone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**, Deposit Account Name Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 58009-018400 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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